

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections set forth in the Office Action of August 25, 2004, are earnestly solicited.

Claims 1—3, 10—13 and 18—19 have been canceled and Claims 4, 14 and 20 have been amended, leaving Claims 4—9, 14—17 and 20—22 pending in the application.

Claims 2, 4—10, 13 and 20—22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 2, 10 and 13 have been canceled. Claim 4 has been amended in independent form and to call for the crankshaft having a first direction of rotation, and Claim 20 has been amended to proper independent form, thereby mooting the rejection.

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) [sic, e?] of Claims 1—3, 11—13, 18 and 19 have been mooted by cancelation of these claims.

Claims 4, 14 and 20 have been rewritten in independent form. Therefore, Claims 4—9, 14—17 and 20—22 are believed to be in condition for allowance, early acknowledgment of which is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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